other members apart from 30 regular employees headed by Secretary and 82 Advisers on its panel.

Statement of DG, CPWD Regarding Rashtrapati Bhawan, Parliament House Etc.

2519. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether this attention has been drawn to a recent statement of the Director General of CPWD that Rashtrapati Bhawan, Prime Minister's Office, Parliament House, North Block and South Block buildings are ageing and do not live up to the modern standards of structural safety and are not structurally strong enough to withstand high intensity earthquakes;

(b) whether there has been serious effect on Swaranjayanti Sadan by recent earthquakes; and

(c) if so, the measures to be taken to prevent any untoward eventuality in case of high intensity earthquake in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) For buildings referred to at 'a', a committee of officers has been appointed by DG(W) on 26.2.2001 to examine the structural safety aspect of the buildings with regard to the earthquakes and suggest measures for improving the safety and precautions to be taken against natural calamities, whenever required.

Recommendations of Delhi Urban Arts Commission for Planned Development of Delhi

†2520. DR. D. MASTHAN:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.